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**TIMES** looks to the Geneva talks for a possible solution, if any, to the Middle East crisis set off "by the Russian (i.e. Czech) arms offer to Egypt." The prime issue is whether the Kremlin really wants "a relaxation of (East-West) tensions." If so, Dulles should tell Molotov: "Hands off the Middle East."

**HERALD TRIBUNE** draws "two main conclusions" from the report that state tax collections are running \$46,000,000 ahead of advance estimates: 1. Business and employment are doing a lot better than Gov. Harriman anticipated. 2. The state could have managed without Harri-

man's abolition of the "forgiveness" exemption. "In short, the Republicans were right."

**DAILY NEWS** says "the two tragedies which floods have dealt in the Northeast in two months have pointed up" the vital need for prompt Congressional action on the President's disaster insurance proposal.

**MIRROR** feels ignorance is no excuse for "the horrendous mistake of four junketing Senators whose contributions to an arms-for-Egypt fund in Cairo Monday ran directly counter" to U. S. policy in the Middle East.

**DREW PEARSON** (Mirror): "President Eisenhower would be distressed to know it, but his Administration has decided the 'Geneva spirit' is dead. The verdict was reached by the National Security Council exactly one week ago." It was based partly on Central Intelligence Agency Chief **Allen Dulles** estimate "that the cold war is continuing," the Russian leaders "cannot be trusted" and "Russia could triple her defense budget without any protest from the people" . . . **DANTON WALKER** (News): "A new Madison Av. trend will be to use bald men in ads, to broaden the appeal to our semi-hairless population."

**ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH** views the possibility of a Senatorial race in Georgia between incumbent Sen. George, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and former Gov. Talmadge as a matter of "concern" to the entire country . . . "It would be a national shame" if Sen. George, "the strong bipartisan right arm of President Eisenhower in the conduct of foreign relations" should be replaced by a demagogic, race-baiting blatherskite like Talmadge.

**WASHINGTON STAR**: "There may be room for disagreement with some of Walter Reuther's proposals for coping with the dislocations" from expansion of automation. But there can hardly be any serious dissent from his general proposition that this is a problem which is not going to solve itself and that the alternatives to planning and foresight now are going to be widespread suffering and hardship later on."

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